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SUBJECT: MAYOR FRIEJ ON THE PEACE PROCESS

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1. CONGEN AND POLOFF HULL CALLED ON MAYOR FRIEJ AUGUST 29 TO WELCOME HIM HOME FROM HIS RECENT TRIP TO EUROPE AND AMERICA AND TO EXPLORE HIS THINKING ON THE PEACE PROCESS.

2. FRIEJ PRAISED HIS WASHINGTON PROGRAM AND PROUDLY EXHIBITED PHOTOS OF MEETING WITH ACTING SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER AND TETE A TEST WITH AUSTRIAN CHANCELLOR BRUNO KREISKY. HIS INITIAL DISAPPOINTMENT WITH PROTOCOL OF VISIT SEEMED TO BE, IN THE END, OVERTAKEN BY SATISFACTION WITH NUMBER AND QUALITY OF SUBSTANTIVE CONTACTS.

3. FRIEJ SAID WITHIN THE PAST WEEK HE HAD MET WITH GENERAL
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ONLY (IDF COORDINATOR FOR OCCUPIED TERRITORIES) AND WAS PLANNING TO MEET AUGUST 30 SECRETLY WITH DAYAN IN JERUSALEM.

4. HIS MESSAGE TO THE ISRAELIS WAS STILL THE SAME:
NOT EVEN MODERATE WEST BANK PALESTINIANS COULD ENTER THE PEACE PROCESS ON THE BASIS OF THE BEGIN AUTONOMY PLAN.

5. FREIJ SAID HE SAW SEVERAL CONDITIONS FOR WEST BANK PARTICIPATION: (1) AN END TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW SETTLEMENTS, (IMPLYING THAT THE FUTURE OF EXISTING SETTLEMENTS COULD BE NEGOTIATED); (2) GOI AGREEMENT TO INTERNATIONALIZE ANY WEST BANK/GAZA SECURITY FORCE ALONG THE LINES OF HIS PEACE PROPOSAL (REF A); AND (3) GOI AGREEMENT TO WIDESCALE FAMILY REUNIONS TO ENCOURAGE PALESTINIANS OUTSIDE THE WEST BANK AND GAZA TO SUPPORT A NEGOTIATING ROLE FOR THOSE PRESENT HERE.

6. FREIJ EXPRESSED DOUBT THAT BEGIN'S GOVERNMENT OR ANY ISRAELI GOVERNMENT COULD MEET THE ARAB MINIMUM DEMANDS. HE SAID HE HAD DISAGREED WITH CHANCELLOR KREISKY ON ONLY TWO POINTS: (1) THAT THE BEGIN GOVERNMENT WOULD FALL WITHIN MONTHS AND (2) THAT ITS SUCCESSOR PROBABLY INVOLVING PERES AND/OR WEIZMAN WOULD BE FLEXIBLE ENOUGH TO MAKE PEACE. HENCE, THE OCCUPATION MIGHT LAST 10 YEARS MORE, THE MAYOR BELIEVED.

7. FREIJ SAID HE WAS EVEN WILLING TO BET THAT THE CAMP DAVID SUMMIT WOULD NOT BE HELD BECAUSE BEGIN FEARED THE MEETING AND WOULD USE THE SITUATION IN LEBANON TO EXTRICATE HIMSELF FROM HIS COMMITMENT.

8. CONGEN SAID WE BELIEVED GOI WANTED CAMP DAVID MEETING AND WOULD EXERCISE CAUTION CONCERNING LEBANON.

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